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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
BURKINA FASO

IPF:(1992-96) $51 053 000

(BKF/92/001) - Appui Multisectoriel au Gouvernement du Burkina Faso

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	30 September 1992
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	UNV
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Finance and Planning
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$2 780 000 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$2 780 000

Project background

As part of the ongoing effort to build up technical skills for development, the Government of Burkina Faso has been benefiting since 1989, from two UNDP/UNV projects: (BKF/88/023) Assistance Multisectorielle VNU d'Appui Technique et Opérationnel, and (BKF/88/029) Assistance Multisectorielle d'Encadrement Technique et de Perfectionnement des Formateurs.

The evaluation of these projects which took place in October 1991, concluded that the multisectoral approach taken by UNV was fully relevant, with the necessary built-in flexibility allowing timely and adequate response to expressed government priorities. The evaluation mission further recommended that there be only one multisectoral UNV technical cooperation "Programme" centered around specified themes, and with a single coordination and oversight unit.

An initial project proposal was submitted to the Action Committee meeting of 17 June 1992 after which it was decided to reformulate the project on the basis of an agreed outline which considered the comments of the Action Committee. The revised project is structured around the themes of the Country Programme: economic management; natural resources management; promotion of private sector; and activities outside the main areas with specified objectives for each field in the framework of sub-programmes. The project aims at contributing to the country development objective of developing human resources for development.

The beneficiary institutions perceive UNV support as a form of technical cooperation which they could readily internalized and over which true national ownership could be established. Moreover the responsibilities for technical supervision are in the hands of national officials.

It is expected that at the end of the project the national institutions will have been

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strengthened through the training of their staff and will be able to carry out their development programmes.

Description of project

The project will contribute to the country's human resources development, through training nationals working within key institutions for the implementation of sectoral development strategies. The immediate objective of the project is to enable UNV specialists to train nationals to achieve the sectoral objectives.

Project activities will include: (a) undertaking economic management: institutional capacity strengthening and improvement of the quality of information for the implementation of capacity strengthening the SAP; (b) improvement of the Technical Cooperation management; (c) developing natural resources management: contribution to the implementation of the participatory approach of the management of natural forests land management strategy in rural zones; and community based approach for water resources management; (d) promotion of the private sector: support to the development of private initiatives through technical and professional training; and contribution to the improvement of the quality of secondary technical education; (e) providing support to the University; and (f) improvement of national capacity in formulating micro-projects in WID activities, reducing illiteracy.

The project activities will have impact on economic management, environment protection, WID, collaboration with NGOs and TCDC. Success criteria will be set for each output including the number of nationals trained and teachers trained for technical and vocational training.

A Rolling Three-Year Programming approach has been decided; and activities will be revised annually in order to have them updated in light of government - revised priorities. The use of national volunteers will be considered at the occasion of the first annual revision of the project. This strategy is in conformity with the Public Investment Programme and the Technical Cooperation Programme which are based on the same cycle.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 41 volunteers in different fields of specialization, one secretary and two drivers for 36 work-months; in-country official travel and mission costs; equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	2 603 000
Equipment	97 000
Miscellaneous	80 000
Total	2 780 000

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